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Mr. E. P. Black
Chairman, Intelligence Advisory Committee
Office of the Under Secretary of State
for External Affairs
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Mr. Black:

As you know, the President of the United States has directed that the Director of Central Intelligence establish and operate for the U. S. Government a single, Intelligence Community-wide, controlled access system--to be called APEX. It will replace the several extant compartmented systems that now protect Sensitive Compartmented Information. This note is to solicit your examination of the proposed APEX system in the hope that your government will adopt this system, to the extent permitted by your law and circumstances. Conversations concerning the APEX concept have occurred over the past several months between your representatives in Washington and me, as Special Assistant to the DCI for Compartmentation. These talks will continue. In addition, I invite you to initiate bilateral conversations between your specific departments, agencies and/or committees concerned with SCI and their U. S. opposite numbers in order to understand the impact and implications of your possible adoption of the APEX Control System to replace the several which now exist.

The DCI has no intent to modify that which is exchanged between us or the mutually agreed upon sharing of tasks to maximize the effectiveness of intelligence produced by our several resource bases. APEX is intended only to provide centralized administrative and security procedure for those exchanges, to replace the multiple systems now in being.

Please feel free to contact the Director of Central Intelligence or me regarding APEX as a concept or otherwise. I invite your specific agencies or organizations to contact their opposite numbers regarding details of the effect of APEX on how we will protect and administer our shared tasks and information.

Yours sincerely,

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